

**AUGUST MINUTES**  
**Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Fort Union Room, State Capitol**

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) meeting was called to order by the new chair, Doug Johnson. Board members present were: Linda Davis, Mary Harris, Don Haugen and Maryjane Martens. ESPB staff members present were Janet Placek, Deb Jensen, Bonnie Thompson and Diane Weber. Visitors present were Helen Busche, Linda Edwards and Max Laird from NDEA and Doug Bahr and Bill Peterson from the Attorney General's office.

Board members absent were: Laura Carney, Randy Gordon, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz.

A motion was made by Maryjane to approve the June retreat minutes as printed. Seconded by Linda. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were: Linda Davis, Mary Harris, Don Haugen, Doug Johnson and Maryjane Martens.

Bonnie gave the financial report. Total computer program costs were \$33,000. ESPB will make a \$2,000 per month payment, until paid. The programming was completed on July 19<sup>th</sup>. Janet informed the board that the staff did a great job getting caught up once the changes were in place. Bonnie also read the worker's comp audit summary. The audit was done on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Diane gave a cost summary for the old /new license. With paperstock, envelopes, seals and postage, the new license costs \$.65 vs. \$1.28 for the old certificate/license. Diane informed the board of the web page address, [www.state.nd.us/espb](http://www.state.nd.us/espb).

Doug thanked Helen Busche for her support and dedicated service to ESPB. On behalf of the board, Doug presented Helen with a plaque. Helen is retiring from NDEA on August 15. Helen introduced her replacement, Linda Edwards.

Janet informed the board the major discussion at the October meeting in Grand Forks would be the teacher education council survey. She also mentioned to the group that the Early Childhood group had met. Individuals who work in head start programs with children from birth thru grades 3, their employment time can now be recognized to move up to a five-year license.

The Administrative Rules hearing is scheduled for October 6 at 2:00 PM in the Missouri River Room.

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Discussion was held regarding home-based education supervisors. A motion was made by Mary that if the school district has documented contracted time the home-based education supervisor is expected to have re-education hours. Seconded by Don. Motion carried. Board members voting yes. Linda Davis, Mary Harris, Don Haugen, Doug Johnson and Maryjane Martens.

Janet has been appointed to the Board of Examiners. There would be no cost to the board for this appointment. The Examiners will meet two times a year.

The draft of the Code of Ethics was distributed. It was suggested that ESBP members have this read for the October meeting. The board worked on the future meeting dates.

Deb compiled the goals from the retreat. It was decided that time would be allowed at each meeting for the subcommittee to deal with three specific categories. The categories and subcommittee appointments will be announced at the October meeting. Deb reported on the status of the standards revision committees. She is also working with Vocational Education on developing new standards.

Deb presented the pre-service and in-service recommendations from the middle grades seminar held on August 9 & 10 as a culmination of the ND Bridges grant project. She will also be meeting with the Greater Barnes County Consortium administrators on August 17 to set dates for the fourth year Professional Development Guidelines Assessment training.

Before board cases were discussed, Doug Johnson presented a plaque to Doug Bahr. Doug Bahr has been promoted within the Attorney General's office. Doug Bahr introduced his replacement, Bill Peterson, to the board.

## **CASES**

### **Sergey Karamanov**

Deb did the licensure review on Mr. Karamanov. Due to his Russian education, general studies could not be documented. Mr. Karamanov provided a letter of explanation and a copy of his Minnesota license. A motion was made by Maryjane to issue a license. Seconded by Mary. Motion carried. Board members voting yes: Linda Davis, Mary Harris, Don Haugen, Doug Johnson and Maryjane Martens.

### **Bruce Lundsten**

Mr. Lundsten will be placed on the September board agenda. Janet will notify Mr. Lundsten and the Petersburg School Board of the comments/or the offense and for the school board to submit an improvement plan.

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**Ray Smykowski**

A motion was made by Don to suspend Mr. Smykowski's license for one year and to have his name placed on the national clearinghouse. Seconded by Don. Motion carried. Board members voting yes: Linda Davis, Mary Harris, Don Haugen, Doug Johnson and Maryjane Martens.

**Travis Frank**

Doug Bahr indicated that Travis Frank has agreed to surrender his license.

**Charlotte Raguse**

Ms. Raguse met with Janet and provided a new transcript from Bemidj State, which showed that she, was, awarded a BS degree. In writing, Ms Raguse asked that Board to reconsider their decision denying issuance of a license, 4 ½ months after she qualifies. The Board did not consider the request.

**Kristen Healey**

A motion was made by Mary to deny Ms. Healey's to receive a teaching license, based on failure to provide full and complete information on the license application. Seconded by Linda Motion carried. Board members voting yes: Linda Davis, Mary Harris, Don Haugen, Doug Johnson and Maryjane Martens.

**Leon Thielges**

The ESPB office is waiting for additional information. Mr. Thielges will be placed on the September board agenda.

**Brent Borchert (FYI)**

Janet has notified Massachusetts that his ND license will be revoked. She has also contacted the Manvel School, at this time there is no current address for Mr Borchert.

**Morgan Huset (FYI)**

Doug Bahr informed the board the Mr. Huset agreed to pay the \$500 settlement agreement.

**Tani Schuster**

A motion was made by Don to issue a license to Ms. Schuster. Seconded by Maryjane. Motion carried. Board members voting yes: Linda Davis, Mary Harris, Don Haugen, Doug Johnson and Maryjane Martens.

**Stacy Pudwell (FYI)**

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**Allan Allard**

Mr. Allard has contacted Doug Bahr indicated that he cannot find his ND teaching license Doug informed the board that Mr. Allard's name would be placed on the sex offender's list.

**Brent Lloyd**

A motion was made by Don to issue a teaching license to Mr. Lloyd. Seconded by Mary. Motion carried. Board members voting yes: Linda Davis, Mary Harris, Don Haugen, Doug Johnson and Maryjane Martens.

**Mark Sondag (FYI)**

Mr. Sondag's hearing date has been scheduled for September 15 in Minot.


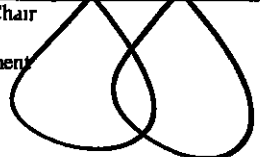
**Tom McCarthy (FYI)**


Walsh County State's Attorney has notified Janet that Mr. McCarthy will not be going to trial and the case has been dismissed

**Allan Worrel**

A motion was made by Linda to have Doug Bahr mail Mr. Worrel a settlement agreement that the Board will not proceed with disciplinary action until the conclusion of the criminal proceedings. Mr. Worrel may not apply for or engage in any type of teaching practice until the conclusion of the criminal proceedings. If Mr. Worrel is convicted, he must surrender his ND teaching license and the board will start proceedings to revoke Mr. Worrel's license. Seconded by Maryjane. Motion carried. Board members voting yes: Linda Davis, Mary Harris, Don Haugen, Doug Johnson and Maryjane Martens.

The meeting was adjourned at 2.30. The next scheduled meeting will be September 16 & 17 in Grand Forks.

  
Board Chair  
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